

**Proposed Amendment to the Existing Regulation**  
**Title 23, section 5001 is amended as follows:**

The Proposed Project adopted by the Council would amend the existing definition of “significant impact” by eliminating the sunset date for the determination regarding single-year water transfers. That amendment would change the definition as follows:

*(dd) “Significant impact” for the purpose of determining whether a project meets the definition of a “covered action” under section 5001(j)(1)(D) means a substantial positive or negative impact on the achievement of one or both of the coequal goals or the implementation of a government-sponsored flood control program to reduce risks to people, property, and State interests in the Delta, that is directly or indirectly caused by a project on its own or when the project's incremental effect is considered together with the impacts of other closely related past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future projects. The following categories of projects will not have a significant impact for this purpose...*

*(3) Temporary water transfers of up to one year in duration. ~~This provision shall remain in effect only through December 31, 2016, and as of January 1, 2017, is repealed, unless the Council acts to extend the provision prior to that date. The Council contemplates that any extension would be based upon the California Department of Water Resources' and the State Water Resources Control Board's participation with stakeholders to identify and recommend measures to reduce procedural and administrative impediments to water transfers and protect water rights and environmental resources by December 31, 2016. These recommendations should include measures to address potential issues with recurring transfers of up to 1 year in duration and improved public notification for proposed water transfers.~~*